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OPA Daily Digest for 10/23/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) 9/25/13. Constituent concerns about property that they own considered as an abandoned hazardous waste site. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Webb City (Mo.) Sentinel – Bob Foos – 10/17/13: Questions about reports of a contractor stopping work at an EPA Superfund site in the Joplin area because of disputes with suppliers or subcontractors. Contacts: Debbie Kring, 7725; Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 10/22/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

St. Louis Beacon – Jo Mannies – 10/22/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Associated Press - EPA: Testing to start on Bridgeton Landfill trench - 10/22/13 - Initial testing work is about to start on a trench to help keep an underground fire at a suburban St. Louis landfill from reaching World War II-era nuclear waste buried 1,200 feet away. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/epa-testing-to-start-on-bridgeton-landfill-trench/article_94870824-215f-5b6f-ae90-783db050f386.html

Also KMOX Radio St. Louis, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jefferson City News Tribune (Mo.), St. Joseph News-Press (Mo.)

KMOX Radio St. Louis - EPA Testing at Bridgeton Landfill to Resume Next Week - 10/23/13 - Environmental testing delayed by the government shutdown is now back on track in Bridgeton. EPA spokesman Chris Whitley says starting next week, EPA workers will survey the site for possible radiation before the dig. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/10/23/epa-testing-at-bridgeton-landfill-to-resume-next-week/>

St. Louis Public Radio - Radioactivity Testing At Bridgeton Landfill To Start Next Week - 10/22/13 - Preliminary work to build a firebreak at the Bridgeton Landfill will begin next week. But a local environmental group is worried about what it could stir up. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/radioactivity-testing-bridgeton-landfill-start-next-week>

St. Louis Beacon - EPA to oversee work before barrier installed around radioactive material at West Lake landfill - 10/22/13 - EPA Representatives are to be at the Bridgeton/West Lake landfill complex next week to begin a month-long process to determine where to place a special "isolation barrier" to protect radioactive waste from an underground fire. https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/33350/bridgeton_west_lake_landfill_barrier_102213

Iowa Public Radio - Environmentally Sensitive 'Driftless' Region Highlights CAFO Concerns (+audio) - 9/23/13 - Residents in Winneshiek County are concerned about how a catastrophic manure spill could impact public health and the unique topography and coldwater trout streams. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/environmentally-sensitive-driftless-region-highlights-cafo-concerns>

Des Moines Register - Report: U.S. hasn't done enough to reduce impact of 'industrial food animal production' - 10/23/13 - A new report blames U.S. leaders for failing to take stronger action to remedy what the group says are public health, environmental, animal welfare and rural community problems created by the industrial food animal production system. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131022/BUSINESS01/131022008/1029/>

Des Moines Register - Report chides animal ag policy - 10/23/13 - A new report blames U.S. leaders for failing to take stronger action to remedy what the group says are public health, environmental, animal welfare and rural community problems created by the industrial food animal production system. http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310230048&nclink_check=1

Joplin Globe - Quapaw Tribe to receive grant to continue air-quality scrutiny - 10/22/13 - The Quapaw Tribe is one of four tribes in Oklahoma to receive a general assistance grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to monitor air quality for toxic pollution. <http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/x252034342/Quapaw-Tribe-to-receive-grant-to-continue-air-quality-scrutiny>

St. Joseph News-Press - McCaskill urges end to duplicative farm regulation - 10/21/13 - Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill wants conferees working on the Farm Bill to reconsider a redundant regulation that burdens farmers and ranchers. http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_f853e127-8e7c-53d2-ada8-3ae8e42bbfc8.html

Carthage Press - Dyno Nobel pays penalty for EPA violations - 10/21/13 - Dyno Nobel Inc. has agreed to pay a \$257,167 civil penalty to settle what the federal Environmental Protection Agency said are violations of three different federal laws. <http://www.carthagepress.com/article/20131019/NEWS/131018560/1005/NEWS>

Grand Island Independent (Neb.) - G.I. Utilities to issue nearly \$41 million in bonds to upgrade coal-fired power plant - 10/21/13 - The Grand Island City Council voted in January to move forward with a \$42 million update of the Platte Generating Station, the city's coal-fired power plant. Now it's time to raise the money. http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/g-i-utilities-to-issue-nearly-million-in-bonds-to/article_4a05d568-3ad5-11e3-9509-001a4bcf887a.html

Associated Press - Monsanto says its agrochemicals are 'safe' - 10/23/13 - Agricultural giant Monsanto Co. is calling for more controls on agrochemicals application of pesticides were harming those in Argentina. <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/monsanto-calls-glyphosate-safe-ap-221746635.html>

News Leader, Springfield, Mo. - Malfunction at power plant spews ash over SW Springfield - 10/22/13 - A malfunction at City Utilities' John Twitty Energy Center earlier today sent a cloud of ash billowing over the surrounding area. http://www.news-leader.com/article/20131022/NEWS01/310220087/1264/RSS?nclink_check=1

Brownfield Ag News - Iowa NRCS updates nutrient management standard - 10/22/13 - Iowa's division of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has updated its nutrient management standard. The standard provides farmers guidance on managing the rate, source, placement and timing of the application of plant nutrients and soil amendments. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/10/22/iowa-nrcs-updates-nutrient-management-standard/>

Kansas City Star - Production from Kansas oil fields comes up short - 10/23/13 - The bloom is off those once rosy predictions for Kansas oil production. Production, though

ample from some wells, has been less overall than hoped. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/22/4570500/kansas-oil-fields-come-up-short.html>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa) - Concerned residents, officials discuss ways to improve lake in Volga River Recreation Area - 10/22/13 - The 146-acre lake in the Volga River Recreation Area between Fayette and West Union averages more than 80,000 household visits each year. The idyllic location, though, also is on the state's list of impaired waters for high levels of algae and turbidity, according to a recent study. http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/concerned-residents-officials-discuss-ways-to-improve-lake-in-volga/article_dbafdeaa-f316-5dde-93f9-5fb1c7da02a1.html

Associated Press - Iowa DNR: No quick fix to persistent algae at lake - 10/22/13 - An Iowa official says there's no easy solution or quick fix to a persistent algae problem at a lake in western Iowa. <http://www.kwwl.com/story/23761990/iowa-dnr-no-quick-fix-to-persistent-algae-at-lake>
Also KWWL Ch. 7 Waterloo (Iowa)

Associated Press - University gets \$1.8M for modular nuclear reactors - 10/22/13 - The University of Missouri is getting \$1.8 million from the federal government to encourage nuclear energy development. <http://www.bnd.com/2013/10/22/2863274/university-gets-18m-for-modular.html>

The Hill - US Chamber, Kochs join 'social cost of carbon' lobbying battle - 10/21/13 - The nation's most powerful business group has joined the growing ranks of parties formally lobbying against the Obama administration's use of the "social cost of carbon," a metric used to help tally the benefits of federal regulations that cut emissions. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/329671-us-chamber-kochs-join-social-cost-of-carbon-lobbying-battle>

The Hill (blog) - House water bill: Don't weaken environmental reviews - 10/22/13 - The good news is Congress is back to its normal order of business. The bad news is that means Congress is back to pushing anti-environmental legislation. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-a-environment/329875-house-water-bill-dont-weaken-environmental-reviews>

Forbes - The New Publicly Funded Solar Projects You Should Care About - 10/22/13 - The U.S. Department of Energy on Tuesday announced a slew of projects that will collectively receive about \$60 million and work on making solar electricity more affordable. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/uciliawang/2013/10/22/publicly-funded-solar-projects-you-should-care-about/>

Forbes - Confronting America's Persistent Energy Illiteracy - 10/22/13 - Americans want more natural gas, but they don't favor the hydraulic fracturing process used to produce it. That's the findings of a recent University of Texas survey in which 80 percent of the respondents said they want the feds to push natural gas development. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/lorenstefy/2013/10/22/confronting-americas-persistent-energy-illiteracy/>

ClimateWire - Warm winter helped U.S. carbon emissions drop to lowest level since 1994 -- EIA - 10/22/13 - U.S. carbon dioxide emissions declined last year to their lowest level since 1994 and more than 12 percent below the recent 2007 peak, according to data released yesterday by the Energy Information Administration. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059989176/feed>

PlanetArk - U.S. energy-related carbon pollution at lowest since 1994 - 10/22/13 - Carbon dioxide emissions from energy production in the United States fell to 5.29 billion metric tons in 2012 - its lowest level since 1994 - despite a growing economy and rising population, according to government data released on Monday. <http://planetark.org/enviro-news/item/70124>

ClimateWire - Environmental group launches crowd-funding campaign to put solar power in schools - 10/22/13 - One of the nation's largest environmental advocacy groups is throwing its organizational and fundraising muscle behind an effort to bring more solar power to America's schools. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059989157/feed>

ClimateWire - 155 Iowa scientists affirm climate change is real, dangerous and man-made - 10/22/13 - Global climate change means Iowans can expect more years like 2013, when spring deluges gave way to summer drought, Iowa scientists said Friday at a news conference at Drake University, where an annual statement by Iowa scientists was released on the likely effects of climate change. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059989175/feed>

ClimateWire - Native tribes had head start on dealing with climate change - 10/22/13 - At the forefront of consequences spurred by climate change, Native American tribes were among the first to design and implement climate adaptation plans. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059989165/feed>

Los Angeles Times - In Canada's Alberta province, oil sands boom is a two-edged sword - 10/21/13 - The oil sands industry has brought good jobs to villages such as Fort Chipewyan. But there is fear about cancer and the environment. <http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-canada-oilsands-cancer-20131021.0.3944866.story#axzz2iRVX9aEs>

New York Times - Koch Brother Wages 12-Year Fight Over Wind Farm - 10/22/13 - "I've had the Turkish mafia after me, so bring it on, baby." Said William I. Koch, who has fought a proposed wind farm for more than a decade, on environmental groups' threats. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/23/us/koch-brother-wages-12-year-fight-over-wind-farm.html>

Moyers & Company - Natural Gas Won't Decrease Our Carbon Footprint - 10/22/13 - a new report from Stanford's Energy Modeling Forum finds that burning more natural gas wouldn't do much to decrease North America's carbon footprint. <http://billmoyers.com/2013/10/22/natural-gas-wont-decrease-our-carbon-footprint/>

Washington Times - Opinion: EPA's misguided approach hurts coal's promising future - 10/22/13 - The White House's most recent climate change initiative — its long-awaited proposal to make coal "climate-friendly" — perversely threatens to strangle forever the use of one of our most abundant energy resources. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/oct/22/gray-epas-misguided-approach-hurts-coals-promising/>

The Atlantic - The Most Widespread Environmental Carcinogen? The Air We Breathe - 10/21/13 - Depending on where you're reading this, the air you're breathing could be giving you cancer. Outdoor air — not any one contaminant in particular — is "the most widespread environmental carcinogen," according to a brand-new report. <http://www.theatlanticcities.com/neighborhoods/2013/10/most-widespread-environmental-carcinogen-air-we-breathe/7301/>

Fox News - GOP lawmakers grill EPA on water reg 'power grab' - 10/21/13 - Calling the plan a "massive power grab," Republican lawmakers are asking the Environmental Protection Agency to explain why it's in such a rush to implement a federal regulation which they argue could have a major impact on private property rights. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/21/gop-lawmakers-grill-epa-on-water-reg-power-grab/>

Media Matters - EPA Moves To Clarify Clean Water Act, Fox Cries "Power Grab" - 10/22/13 - Fox News and Fox Business. This week, the networks have adopted the complaints of GOP lawmakers to claim that the EPA is only using the study to justify a "power grab." Lou Dobbs claimed on his show that the clarified jurisdiction represented "unprecedented control over private property" -- "maybe" extending to "mud puddles." <http://mediamatters.org/blog/2013/10/22/epa-moves-to-clarify-clean-water-act-fox-cries/196541>

E&E News Daily - Truck makers argue EPA violated its own regs in granting rival's certificates - 10/22/13 - Some of the country's largest long-haul truck manufacturers returned to court today to argue that U.S. EPA violated its own regulations in allowing a competitor to make engines that exceeded agency air standards. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1059989212>

Daily Caller - Washington Post backs EPA coal regulations - 10/21/13 - The Washington Post editorial board has come out in support of the Obama administration's carbon dioxide emissions caps, which effectively ban new coal-fired power plants. <http://dailycaller.com/2013/10/21/washington-post-backs-epa-coal-regulations/>

Huffington Post - Pipeline Regulators Spend More Time With Industry Than Oil Spills: Watchdog Report - 10/22/13 - The Transportation Department office charged with overseeing the 2.6 million miles of pipelines in the United States is spending more time at oil and gas industry conferences than it is addressing spills and other incidents, a watchdog group contends in a new report. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/22/pipeline-safety_n_4144913.html

The Energy Collective - Study Sheds Light on the Environmental Impact of Shale Gas - 10/22/13 - The view that methane leaks render shale gas "worse than coal" has been further undermined by the release of a new study based on actual measurements at hundreds of gas wells. <http://theenergycollective.com/geoffrey-styles/290701/study-sheds-light-environmental-impact-shale-gas>

ThinkProgress - Major Study Projects No Long-Term Climate Benefit From Shale Gas Revolution - 10/18/13 - Most claims that shale gas will significantly reduce US carbon emissions in the future are based on little more than hand-waving and wishful thinking. <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/10/18/2800751/climate-benefit-shale-gas-revolution/>

Midwest Energy News - How much are we really spending on energy efficiency? - 10/22/13 - Energy efficiency is a notoriously difficult resource to track. Measuring energy not used in a home, a commercial building or across the economy often requires a range of assumptions and a variety of models — techniques that are sometimes criticized for being too generous or too complicated. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/10/22/how-much-are-we-really-spending-on-energy-efficiency/>

Greenwire - Utility regulators fret over grid reliability as EPA preps emission rules - 10/21/13 - State utility regulators at the forefront of implementing upcoming federal rules to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants in the United States are concerned that a fast-tracked schedule could trigger reliability issues. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989124>

Greenwire - IG urged to probe conflict of interest in transportation office - 10/21/13 - U.S. EPA lacks rules to prevent conflicts of interest when it regulates the technology it helped develop, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989139/feed>

Domestic Fuel - More Oil from Plants Could Increase Biodiesel Output - 10/23/13 - Government scientists have found the genes that increase the oil production in plant leaves, and that could increase the amount of biodiesel that can be squeezed out of plants. <http://domesticfuel.com/2013/10/23/more-oil-from-plants-could-increase-biodiesel-output/>

BNA - Utilities Evaluate How Best to Comply With EPA Mercury, Air Toxics Standards - 10/23/13 - Electric utilities say they are continuing to evaluate how best to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's final rule setting mercury and air toxics standards for power plants. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477738&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t3y6m1&split=0

BNA - Heitkamp Says Greenhouse Gas Standards Would Be 'Unattainable' for Power Plants - 10/23/13 - Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) said the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas rules for future power plants would set “unattainable” standards with “unrealistic timelines for compliance.” http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477736&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t3w4m8&split=0

BNA - New Technology, Cultural Shift Needed To Halt Global Warming, EPA Official Says - 10/23/13 - Global temperature increases of at least 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) are likely, and technological innovation may not be enough alone to stop climate change, a senior official with the Environmental Protection Agency said Oct. 22. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477737&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t3y4f9&split=0

BNA - Shortened Licensing Process for Small Hydro Projects Said to Require Best Practices - 10/23/13 - A two-year licensing process for certain low-impact hydropower projects is feasible, but it would require providing developers with a standardized set of best practices to follow when submitting their applications, federal agency officials and other representatives said Oct. 22. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477753&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t7g4y9&split=0

BNA - 'Big Data' Leads to Innovative Enforcement, Better Compliance, EPA Official Says - 10/23/13 - Big data can lead to a “next generation” for environmental enforcement with better monitoring and reporting. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477751&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t4c8r8&split=0

BNA - House Panel Joins EPA Inspector General In Dispute Over Safety Board E-Mails - 10/23/13 - A government watchdog overseeing the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board has taken the unusual step of involving Congress in its efforts to obtain e-mails that the agency does not want to turn over, according to a letter made public Oct. 22. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477756&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2u0w6f1&split=0

BNA - Groups Push for Inherently Safer Technology As DHS Warns of Delays Due to Shutdown - 10/23/13 - Environmental and labor groups Oct. 22 urged the White House to include the installation of inherently safer technologies in forthcoming recommendations to improve chemical security even as the Department of Homeland Security told Bloomberg BNA the deadline for releasing the recommendations could be pushed back in the aftermath of the federal government shutdown. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477743&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t4a3f9&split=0

BNA - Fossil Fuel Producers Back EPA Decision Not to Regulate Coalbed Methane Extraction - 10/23/13 - The nation's oil, gas and coal producers say the Environmental

Protection Agency's decision not to set effluent guidelines for the coalbed methane extraction industry won't affect or lessen state regulation already in place for discharges from this sector. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477750&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2t4c6p5&split=0

BNA - House Rules Committee Prepares Last Steps On Water Infrastructure Bill Headed to Floor - 10/23/13 - The House Rules Committee sorted through 95 proposed amendments Oct. 22 as it prepared the ground rules for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (H.R. 3080) on the eve of the bill's expected move to the House floor. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37477757&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2u0x1b4&split=0

Inside EPA - Seeing EPA Limits, New Group Crafts Water Quality Trading Best Practices - 10/22/13 - A new coalition of public and private-sector stakeholders is working to craft a best practices manual for dischargers seeking to trade water pollution credits. <http://insideepa.com/201310222450426/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/seeing-epa-limits-new-group-crafts-water-quality-trading-best-practices/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Seeks Permanent CFATS, Pointing To Lapse During Shutdown - 10/22/13 - Industry groups are planning to meet with congressional staff this week to push for a multi-year authorization of the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. <http://insideepa.com/201310222450423/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/industry-seeks-permanent-cfats-pointing-to-lapse-during-shutdown/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Eyes Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule Change To Settle Lawsuit - 10/22/13 - EPA is taking comment through Oct. 28 on a proposed settlement that would commit it to revise greenhouse gas (GHG) "factors" for its GHG reporting rule to end a forestry industry suit over the policy, though EPA has already issued a proposal to revise the factors, prompting one industry source to call the settlement's timing "strange." <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-10/24/2013/epa-eyes-greenhouse-gas-reporting-rule-change-to-settle-lawsuit/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Faces Legal Obstacles As It Crafts GHG Rule For Existing Power Plants - 10/22/13 - Even before EPA puts pen to paper to craft a new source performance standard (NSPS) to limit greenhouse gases (GHGs) from existing power plants, the agency faces a host of legal obstacles in finalizing a rule. <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-10/24/2013/epa-faces-legal-obstacles-as-it-crafts-ghg-rule-for-existing-power-plants/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Weighs Biomass Deferral Appeal After High Court Takes GHG Suit - 10/22/13 - Biomass industry officials say they are weighing asking a full federal appeals court to overturn a three-judge panel's ruling that scrapped EPA's three-year deferral of biomass emissions from greenhouse gas (GHG) air permit mandates. <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-10/24/2013/industry-weighs-biomass-deferral-appeal-after-high-court-takes-ghg-suit/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - Former EPA Official Details Path For EPA To Defend Existing Utility NSPS - 10/22/13 - A former top EPA enforcement official is detailing a path for EPA to defend its pending new source performance standard (NSPS) climate rule for existing utilities from likely legal arguments that the Clean Air Act prohibits the rule. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310222450427/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/former-epa-official-details-path-for-epa-to-defend-existing-utility-nsps/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - House, Senate Eye Push For Efficiency Bills But Key Difference Emerges - 10/23/13 - House and Senate lawmakers are planning to revive a push for energy efficiency bills now that the government shutdown is resolved, though a key difference is emerging between the two chambers as the House may push for repeal of a 2007 law phasing out fossil fuel use in federal buildings. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310232450551/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/house-senate-eye-push-for-efficiency-bills-but-key-difference-emerges/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - EIA Finds Significant Decline In U.S. CO2 Emissions - 10/22/13 - The Energy Information Administration (EIA) in a new report says U.S. energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) levels declined 3.8 percent last year and are now at their lowest levels since 1994. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310222450432/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/eia-finds-significant-decline-in-us-co2-emissions/menu-id-204.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Kansas and Illinois Pesticide Distributors to Pay Penalties Totaling \$96,640 for Distributing Misbranded Pesticides – 10/23/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Ritchie Enterprises Inc., of Sullivan, Mo., to Pay \$30,000 for Failure to Use Lead Safe Work Practices and Notify Homeowners of Lead Risks – 10/23/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/14/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

11/15/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

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10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/31 –11/1/13 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Altheà Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

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None

SUPR

None

WWPD

***10/27/13** - Association of State Drinking Water Administrators Annual Conference, Long Beach, Calif. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

***10/29/13** - Source Water Protection Workshop, focus on nitrates, Nebraska City, Neb. Contacts: Stephanie Lindberg, 7423, Morris Holmes, 7421

***10/31/13** – Iowa Association of Business and Industry speech and panelist, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

***11/4-6/13** – Annual Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) Conference, Minneapolis, Min. Contacts: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sabre Germano, 7026

***11/6/13** – Missouri Water Quality Standards Effluent Regulations Hearing, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Bob Angelo, 7060, John DeLashmit, 7821

***11/6-7/13** – Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) workshop, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

***11/18/13** - National Capacity Development & Operator Certification Workshop, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob Dunlevy, 7798

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